IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE AT BOMBAY
CIVIL APPELLATE JURISDICTIION

Writ Petition No. 5761 of 2007

Babaso Kutbuddin Mulla
and others ..Petitioners

vs.

The Hon'ble Minister of State
for Revenue and others ..Respondents

Mr.I.M.Khairdi for petitioners
Mr.R.M.Patne, A.G.P. for respondent nos.1 and 2
Mr.P.M.Arjunwadkar for respondent nos. 3 and 4.

CORAM: S.C.DHARMADHIKARI J.
19th NOVEMBER, 2007

P.C.

1. The petitioners complain that revision application bearing No.Cosolidation/3801/643/Case No.250/L-1 is pending before the Department of Revenue and Forest, Government of Maharashtra since 2001. The arguments were first heard on 16th August, 2001 by the then Revenue Minister. No orders have been passed on this revision applciation and that is how this petition under Articles 226 and 227 of the Constitution of India for suitable directions is instituted.

2. The Superintendent of Land Records, Kolhapur has filed the affidavit on behalf of respondent nos. 2 to this writ petition. All that the

affidavit states is that the State of Maharashtra is seized of this application preferred by the petitioners. It does not dispute its pendency. The order under challenge before the Government is dated 12th December, 2000. Whatever may be the provisions under the Rules and to whomsoever these matters are assigned for decision, the fact remains that such matters should not remain pending for such a long duration. There is nothing on record to demonstrate as to why for 6 years, the State Government could not find time to dispose of the application preferred by the petitioners.

3. This petition is disposed of by directing the concerned authorities to dispose of the said application as expeditiously as possible and within a period of four weeks from today. No extension shall be granted under any circumstances. The petitioners to cooperate for early disposal and should not seek unnecessary adjournments. Needless to state that if the matter is not decided as directed it would be open for the petitioners to approach this Csourt seeking appropriate action against the concerned authorities including for violation and breach of

the order passed today.

(S.C.DHARMADHIKARI J.)